

# *Planning, Research, & Development*

## Upcoming Department Events:

### ◆ Neighborhood's First Seminars continue this summer:

#### **July 19th: Neighborhoods Mini-Seminar**

*Agenda: Green Sweep, Carl Sharp from the Goodman Corp.*

*Third Floor Testing Room, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 6:00 PM*

*Contact: Mark Alvarado 541-4918*

#### **August 28th: Neighborhood Summit**

*Agenda: Workshops, Networking, Keynote Speaker: Mayor Joe Wardy*

*Third Floor Testing Room, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 6:00 PM*

*Contact: Mark Alvarado 541-4918*

#### **September 20th: Neighborhood Mini-Seminar**

*Agenda: More Exciting Topics and Guest Speakers are in the Works!*

*Third Floor Testing Room, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 6:00 PM*

*Contact: Mark Alvarado 541-4918*

### ◆ Community Forums for the City's Strategic Plan:

#### **Tuesday, July 13th: Lower Valley**

Mission Valley Regional Command Center, 9011 Escobar Drive, 6:30 PM

#### **Tuesday, July 13th: Northeast**

Northeast Regional Command Center, 9600 Dyer Street, 6:30 PM

#### **Wednesday, July 14th: Central**

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 6:30 PM

#### **Thursday, July 15th: East**

Pebble Hills Regional Command Center, 10780 Pebble Hills Drive, 6:30 PM

#### **Thursday, July 15th: Northwest**

Westside Regional Command Center, 4801 Osborne, 6:30 PM

## Department Highlights:

### ◆ Land Development Review Accomplishments:

Zoning Cases Finalized: 14 Approved

Special Permits Finalized: 9 Approved

Detailed Site Plans Finalized: 2 Approved

Subdivisions Recorded: 17



**Director's Note:**

The Planning, Research and Development Department continues to make progress in improving public communications, customer service and efficiency with the use of the City's Geographic Information System (GIS). Efficiency in processing applications, along with clarity of information is paramount to our success. A module was created for staff to access at their desktop and at the front counter area to more readily locate parcels to determine if there is some special zoning district; or overlay to be aware of that would affect an applicant or to determine if the posting of a sign or notification of a neighborhood group is required. The department website has quickly become an important resource to the general public for up to date meeting agendas for all planning-related boards and commissions, zoning applications, fee schedules, maps and published reports. In addition, the Neighborhoods Matter! program has made significant progress in developing and refining plans for the Montoya Heights and Five Points neighborhoods.

This past quarter has been especially meaningful because of the public's intense interest in a number of zoning and subdivision cases, major thoroughfare plan amendments and parking reduction applications received for review and processing by the department. As always, the Department must be objective in its role, as administrative and staff agency responsible to the Mayor and City Council, to provide decision-makers and the public at large with all the materials, information and recommendations necessary to carry out the mission of guiding the future development of El Paso.

It has been a breathtaking three months and it has been very gratifying meeting and discussing planning issues with everyone. My office door is always open- please come by for a visit anytime. Also, please visit the City of El Paso website at [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov) for current information on planning related items and upcoming events in the community.

*George G. Sarmiento, AICP*



### Introducing Mark Alvarado, *Neighborhood Liaison, City of El Paso*

Mr. Mark Alvarado proved to be head and shoulders above the candidates interviewed by the Mayor's office in their recruitment effort for the Neighborhood's First Initiative. On May 14, 2004, the El Paso City Council approved Mark's appointment as the Neighborhood Liaison.

Raised in Southern California, he is the son of migrant farm and rail workers. Alvarado was able to break the cycle of poverty that would perpetuate limited education and low wages for himself and his family. In addition to his imposing presence at 6'7," Mark commands the attention of an audience as a facilitator and advocate for an all-embracing approach to engaging communities in civic life. He discovered that public service was his niche after moving to El Paso in 1994, pursuing every opportunity to address issues of social justice, equal rights, and poverty on the largest international boundary in the world. He found challenges and opportunities that he would not have been available in his native state, California.

In his first five weeks as Neighborhood Liaison, he experienced excitement, honor and gratitude. Neighborhood residents have found that Mark does not hesitate to speak out on issues that affect them. He stated that in order to develop sustainable impact for programs that serve low-income communities, one has to maintain a methodology that appeals to everyone. He believes Neighborhoods First fills an important need by assisting associations to organize, develop their own leadership and assume an active role in the community. He feels this program will benefit El Pasoans in the present and future.

His management style is predicated on heart, determination, honesty, dedication, integrity, hard work and a strong will to succeed. The positive impact of solid interpersonal relationships provides guidance and support in his work. In addition to making City Hall available and responsive to neighborhood needs, he is concerned about health and safety issues, crime, recreational opportunities, and downtown redevelopment.

His primary means of communication is one-on-one exchanges. This effort is supported by neighborhood meetings and training programs offered as part of the monthly neighborhood mini-seminar series and biannual summits. These are designed to showcase the association efforts and provide valuable information concerning City Department operational procedures and functions. In order to make his message more available, he also hosts a public access cable program called "Neighborhoods First." The program is aired on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM on Time Warner Cable Channel 15.



Mark Alvarado, Neighborhood Liaison

## 2004 TexasAPA Award Nominations:

TexasAPA recognizes outstanding contributions to planning in Texas through the Planning Awards program each year. Any individual organization, developer or consulting firm involved in planning in Texas is eligible for nomination. Plans, projects, programs, and studies nominated must have been completed within two years of the submittal date. An Awards Committee appointed by the TexasAPA Board reviews nominations and selects recipients. Award honorees will be notified by the TexasAPA President and will be invited to attend the Awards Luncheon, which will be held at the October 2004 TexasAPA Planning Conference in Austin. Award Categories are:

- **Comprehensive Planning Award** – Outstanding comprehensive plan addressing the long-range development of an area, town, city, county or region;
- **Project Planning Award** – Outstanding plan, study or project concerning a specific project (public or private), area, system, or issue within a town, city, county or region;
- **Current Planning Award** – Outstanding ordinance, program or process directed to the implementation of a plan;
- **Community of the Year Award** – One award to a town, city or county, which has provided an outstanding contribution to planning;
- **Student Project Award** – In recognition of an outstanding research or planning project by an individual or team of students in an accredited graduate planning program;
- **Journalism Award** – To a Texas newspaper, magazine or television station for a story or series involving Texas planning issues;
- **Texas Chapter Award** – Each Section may nominate an individual candidate from outside the planning profession;
- **Long Range Planning Award** - Outstanding plan that concentrates on a single long range element;
- **Planning Commissioners Award** – Outstanding appointed official.

### Procedures and Application

Any TexasAPA member may nominate for any of the award categories. Complete nomination packages must be postmarked no later than **Friday, July 23, 2004**, using the application form and must include the following:

- Ten (10) copies of the award nomination form;
- Ten (10) copies of a 500 word summary statement indicating why the nominee merits the award;
- Ten (10) copies of letters in support of the nomination;
- Ten (10) copies of any reports, plans, or other support documentation (CDROM is an acceptable format); and,
- A \$50.00 fee for each nomination (for all categories except the Texas Chapter and Chapter President's Award).

Application(s) should be submitted to: Cameron Walker, AICP, TexasAPA Awards Committee Chairman, City of Midland, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas 79701 ph: 915.685.7405, fax: 915.686.1609, email: [cwalker@mail.ci.midland.tx.us](mailto:cwalker@mail.ci.midland.tx.us)

For more information and the nomination form, go to:

<http://www.txplanning.org/TPR/TPR06-03-04.pdf>

Source: Texas Planning Review, June 2004

### Neighborhood and Transportation Planning:

The Major Thoroughfare Plan (MTP) is the part of the City's comprehensive plan that guides the growth of the thoroughfare system. This system is a network of existing and proposed freeways, expressways, highways and major streets. They carry the bulk of the City's traffic and may be developed as four-lane, six-lane, or wider roadways. The MTP map shows the location of all existing and proposed roads in the system and indicates the functional class of each road. Design standards for each functional class are part of the Subdivision Regulations of the City.

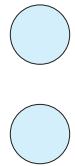
The Thoroughfare map was developed with the comprehensive *Plan for El Paso*, and can be revised as circumstance or desire change. Often, the public will request consideration of a proposed change to the MTP. The Long Range Division of the Department of Planning, Research and Development is tasked with maintaining the MTP and analyzing any proposed changes or updates to it. Changes are reviewed by other departments, the City Plan Commission, and receive approval or disapproval by City Council. The Department has studied four amendment proposals to the MTP this year. Three were in the Northwest Planning Area, initiated by neighborhood groups, and one was in the Lower Valley, initiated by effected property owners.

Billy the Kid Drive serves an area of industrial land uses, including warehouses generating truck traffic. A proposed extension was shown on the MTP through an area occupied by a Wal-Mart. The industrial property owners along Billy the Kid requested to change the proposed route of the extension to connect to Loop375/Americas Ave. The City Council approved this amendment on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Riverbend Drive is an existing two-lane street within a residential neighborhood in the Upper Valley, close to Sunland Park, New Mexico. The MTP shows a future extension to Sunland Park Drive. A group of neighborhood citizens, registered as the Zack White Neighborhood Association, requested removal of the proposed extension as well as the minor arterial designation of the existing Riverbend Drive from the MTP. The City Council approved this amendment on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Arterial 1 is a proposed freeway/expressway shown on the MTP as running eastward from Doniphan Drive towards the Franklin Mountains and passing through a tunnel to emerge in what is now the Jobe Quarry to connect to Fred Wilson. This proposed freeway/tunnel is considered to be an "inner loop" which would provide easy access between the west and northwest areas of El Paso. The Department analyzed options for removal of the proposed Arterial 1 or downgrading it to a collector arterial between Mesa and Stanton. A proposed Stanton connection had a bearing on the traffic network in the area was also analyzed for its feasibility, given the approval of certain plats and opposition from Franklin Mountains State Park officials and the Mission Hills, Kern Place and Rim-University neighborhood groups. City Council approved downgrading that portion of Arterial 1 to a collector on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The connection of Stanton Street was left open for future consideration.

Gomez Road is an existing two-lane roadway in the Upper Valley. It is designated as a 110' major arterial on the MTP. The MTP also shows Redd Road extending west of Montoya, crossing the Rio Grande, and curving northward to connect to Gomez Rd. The one-mile extension is shown, in the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan, as an \$11 million project needing Federal funding before the year 2015. The Department was instructed by City Council to examine the planned designation of Gomez Road as a major arterial and the proposed extension of Redd Road as a major arterial and make recommendations for amendment if needed. The Save the Valley civic organization requested removal of both the designation and extension from the MTP. The City Council approved this amendment on June 29<sup>th</sup>.



## **Partnership Between the Vista Volunteers & Neighborhood Planners**

The Empowerment Zone made it possible for Americorps Vista Volunteers and the City Planning Department to work together in organizing neighborhood associations. The Vista Volunteers work primarily with neighborhoods within the Empowerment Zone helping them to organize, train, and provide information about programs that may help them. They are a valuable asset to the Planning Department in this role.

The Empowerment Zone Vista Volunteers offer assistance to any neighborhood association requiring "hands on" technical assistance regardless of location. They offer neighborhood associations training on the duties of the elected officers, guidance on conducting meetings and other capacity building efforts. They have developed surveys, neighborhood inventory assessment forms and other training necessary for the growth of all associations throughout El Paso. These workshops are offered to all associations free of charge.

Vista Volunteers have also collaborated with the Planning department in completing Neighborhood Plans. More importantly, Vista Volunteer efforts on capacity building will help the associations implement the adopted plans in the long term. The Chihuahueta Plan adoption this year was a group effort between Planners and Vista volunteers. Additionally, Vista Volunteers are developing a handbook to assist neighborhood groups. Most Vista Volunteers are bilingual, and the materials furnished to the public are in both languages (English & Spanish). Thank you Vista Volunteers and the Empowerment Zone for this opportunity to better serve the entire City of El Paso.

Training sessions, or mini-seminars, will be conducted through the summer. Coordinators include Carol Sherman, Planning, and Rene Navarro, Americorps Vista Volunteers. The sessions are designed to improve communication and rapport between Planning, Vista Volunteers, and Neighborhood Association representatives.

### **Sessions will be held on the following dates:**

Date: July 17th, August 20th, and September 17th

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: City Planning Conference Room, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor

### **Discussion topics have included:**

Improving Neighborhood Grant Writing Skills

Neighborhood Association Status Report

Community Visioning - El Paso's Strategic Plan

Dealing with the Media

Getting Started on a Neighborhood Plan



## Five Points Neighborhood Plan

For over a year the Planning Department has been working closely with the Five Points Neighborhood Improvement Association, through the "Neighborhoods Matter!" program, to develop a neighborhood plan for the area bounded by Cotton and Stevens Streets, I-10 and Nashville Avenue. To date, this is the largest area, with over 5,000 parcels, to be addressed in a neighborhood plan. It is also the City's oldest suburb and contains the first town center, known as the Five Points Business District, ever developed outside of downtown. This center was once the focal point of the neighborhood. It served as a social gathering place for the surrounding residents as well as a location to acquire needed goods and services. Changes and lack of investment in the neighborhood have caused the steady decline of this once vibrant community.

The main purpose of the plan is to restore the Five Points Business District and the surrounding residential area to its former charm and vitality. Issues that are addressed include land use, urban character, transportation, drainage, the railroad, education, and the need for rehabilitation and restoration of the entire area, including some of the older historic homes in the neighborhood.

Today the Five Points Neighborhood Plan is near completion with the final draft due by the end of July, and approval by City Council anticipated by the end of August. Though the work of writing and editing the plan will be finished, the real work of implementation is just beginning. The Five Points Neighborhood Improvement Association has already formed committees to begin raising funds and working toward realization of some of the smaller projects called out in the plan. Anyone interested in participating or joining should contact the Five Points Association President, Mr. Alberto Rivas, at 778-7639. For information concerning the Neighborhood Plan, contact the Planning Department at 541-4930.



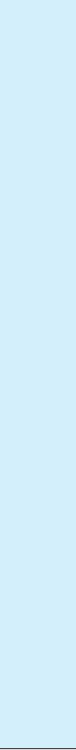
### Preliminary Schedule for the Five Points Neighborhood Plan Review:

**July 21, 2004:** Neighborhood and Stakeholder Meeting: Public Input Session.

**July 28, 2004:** Development Coordinating Committee (DCC): Discussion & Action

**August 5, 2004:** City Plan Commission: Discussion & Action

**August 30, 2004:** City Council: Discussion and Action



### Computerized Zoning Maps :

Currently, the Data and Support Services division is working with GIS to produce new layers for inter-department use. Much of the Planning Department's data is still in a paper format. Data and Support is converting much of the paper information into an electronic format. By doing so the data can be mapped and used with GIS.

Technicians converted the subdivision card catalog information to join to a subdivision layer in GIS. The new layer will show the subdivisions' geography and allow planners to research development patterns in El Paso. All information regarding a particular subdivision will be incorporated into the layer such as the developer, dedicated park acres, fees and the filing date. The project, nearly 55% complete, is a continuous effort for the Data and Support division.

Data and Support is working to convert the zoning control maps into a digital environment. By attaching the ordinance numbers found on the control maps to polygons in the GIS layer, planners will be able to research conditions and restrictions place on properties in El Paso. Currently, ordinances are in a cumbersome paper format, but will be scanned into a digital format and linked to the associated polygon. This will give planners the ability to view and research documents from their computer. The GIS zoning layer, maintained by the GIS division, will be of great benefit and importance to City departments.

In addition to the subdivision and zoning projects, Data and Support maintains a historic district image library. Technicians maintain and collect images for all historic districts in the city. Technicians are creating a GIS layer of historic district building footprints that will allow the images to be linked to the building footprints.





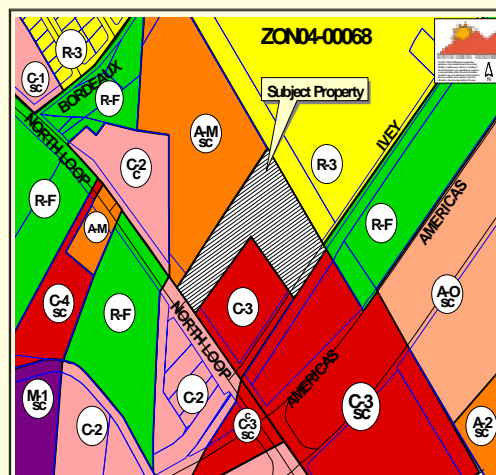
## Digital Maps Replace Scanned Images:

Zone change location maps have a bold new look! This quarter, digital location maps generated in ESRI's ArcView software have replaced the hand-drawn and scanned images used for many years. The Department has been transitioning from mechanical media, such as paper maps and 35 MM color slide photographs, to electronic images. The new images will be used as part of Microsoft PowerPoint software presentations made at Development Coordinating Committee (DCC), City Plan Commission (CPC), and City Council meetings.

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*Location map prepared with felt-tipped marker.*



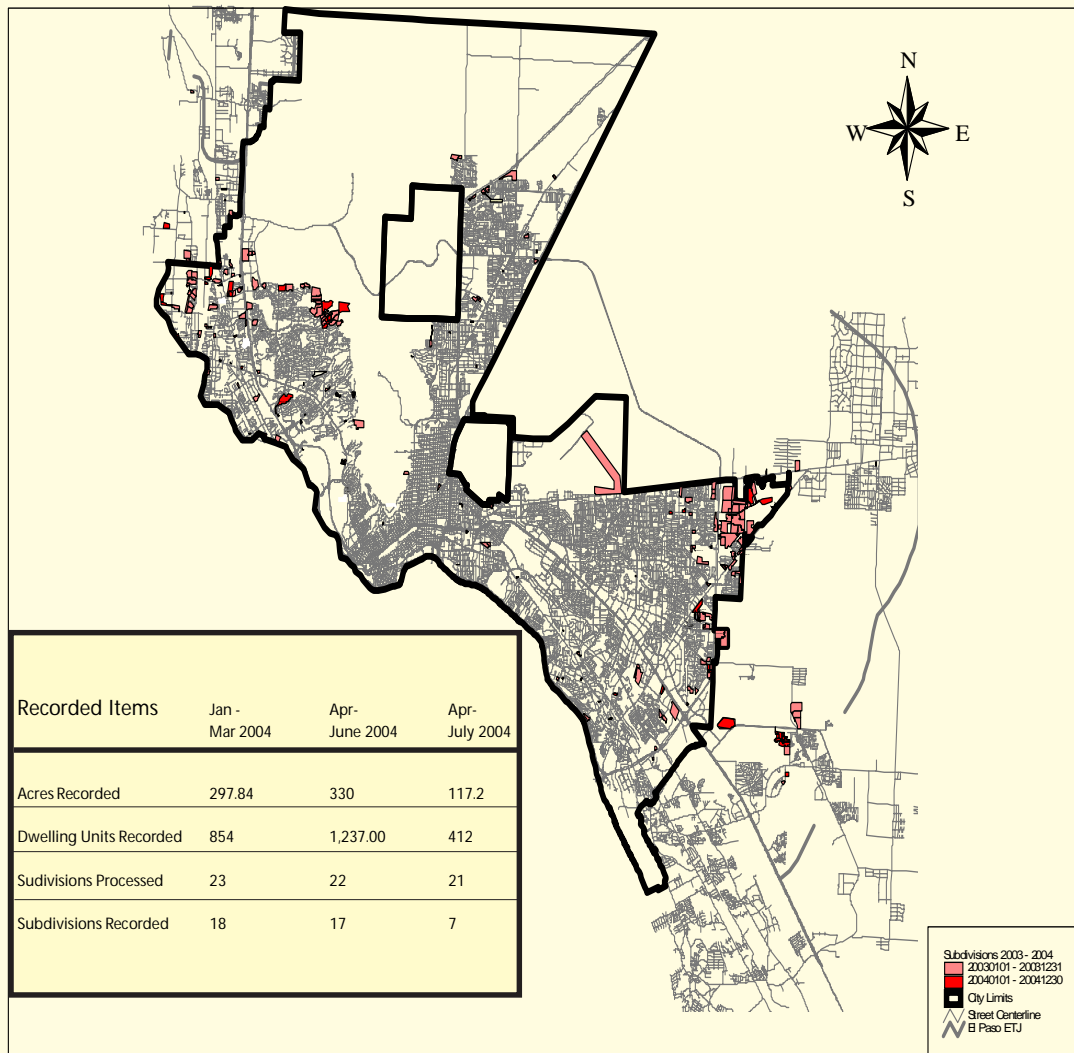
*New format of a computer-enhanced location map.*

**A Comparison of Rezoning Cases Submitted in 2003 Versus 2004:**

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
<b>Development Coordinating Committee (DCC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	9	18	14
Denial Recommendation	1	1	5
Withdrawn Prior to DCC Review	1	0	4
Pending	2	1	0
Total Cases Reviewed by DCC	11	20	23
<b>City Plan Commission (CPC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	9	18	15
Denial Recommendation	1	1	3
Withdrawn prior to CPC Review	1	1	5
Pending	2	2	0
Total Cases Reviewed by CPC	11	22	23
<b>City Council</b>			
Approval	0	12	13
Denial	0	2	0
Withdrawn Prior to CC Review	0	0	0
Upheld CPC Recommendation	0	12	0
Reversed CPC Recommendation	0	1	0
Pending	0	14	0
Total Cases Reviewed by Council	0	14	13

**A Comparison of Subdivision Platting Activity in 2003 Versus 2004:**

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
Subdivisions Recorded	18	17	17
Dwelling Units Recorded	854	1,237	412
Acres Recorded	297.84	330.00	117.12
New SD's Processed	23	22	21

**Subdivision Activity in El Paso:**

Note: For a close-up view of the map, use the "Zoom-In" button in the Adobe Acrobat Software Tool Bar.

### A Comparison of Detailed Site Development Plans Submitted in 2003 Versus 2004:

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
<b>Development Coordinating Committee (DCC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	5	4	3
Denial Recommendation	0	0	0
Withdrawn Prior to DCC Review	0	0	1
Pending	3	1	0
Total Cases Reviewed by DCC	5	5	4
<b>City Plan Commission (CPC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	3	6	5
Denial Recommendation	0	1	0
Withdrawn prior to CPC Review	0	0	0
Pending	5	1	0
Total Cases Reviewed by CPC	3	8	5
<b>City Council</b>			
Approval	0	2	2
Denial	0	0	0
Withdrawn Prior to CC Review	0	0	0
Upheld CPC Recommendation	0	2	0
Reversed CPC Recommendation	0	0	0
Pending	0	3	0
Total Cases Reviewed by Council	0	2	2

### A Comparison of Special Permit Cases Submitted in 2003 Versus 2004:

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
<b>Development Coordinating Committee (DCC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	7	8	10
Denial Recommendation	2	0	1
Withdrawn Prior to DCC Review	1	0	0
Pending	7	1	0
Total Cases Reviewed by DCC	8	9	11
<b>City Plan Commission (CPC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	7	8	10
Denial Recommendation	0	3	2
Withdrawn prior to CPC Review	0	1	1
Pending	10	4	0
Total Cases Reviewed by CPC	7	16	13
<b>City Council</b>			
Approval	0	9	7
Denial	0	0	0
Withdrawn Prior to CC Review	0	2	0
Upheld CPC Recommendation	0	9	0
Reversed CPC Recommendation	0	0	0
Pending	0	7	0

### A Comparison of Zoning Amendment / Releases Submitted in 2003 Versus 2004:

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
<b>Development Coordinating Committee (DCC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	3	0	2
Denial Recommendation	0	0	0
Withdrawn Prior to DCC Review	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total Cases Reviewed by DCC	3	0	2
<b>City Plan Commission (CPC)</b>			
Approval Recommendation	2	0	2
Denial Recommendation	0	1	0
Withdrawn prior to CPC Review	0	0	0
Pending	1	0	0
Total Cases Reviewed by CPC	2	1	2
<b>City Council</b>			
Approval	0	0	1
Denial	0	0	0
Withdrawn Prior to CC Review	0	0	0
Upheld CPC Recommendation	0	0	0
Reversed CPC Recommendation	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total Cases Reviewed by Council	0	0	1



### A Comparison of Zoning Board of Adjustment Activity in 2003 Versus 2004:

	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
<b>Special Exceptions</b>			
<b>Residential</b>			
Approved	49	29	24
Denied	1	0	0
Withdrawn	3	0	1
Pending	0	14	0
Total	53	43	25
<b>Special Exceptions</b>			
<b>Commercial</b>			
Approved	1	4	2
Denied	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Pending	0	1	0
Total	1	5	2
<b>Variances Residential</b>			
Approved	2	2	2
Denied	1	0	1
Withdrawn	0	0	1
Pending	0	2	0
Total	3	4	4
<b>Variances Commercial</b>			
Approved	0	1	1
Denied	0	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0
Pending	0	1	0
Total	0	2	1
<b>Letters of Zoning Verification</b>	74	66	37

### A Comparison of Historic Preservation Cases Submitted in 2003 Versus 2004:

#### Certificates of Appropriateness

Historic District	Jan-Mar 2004	Apr-Jun 2004	Apr-Jun 2003
Austin Terrace	0	1	3
Chihuahuita	0	0	0
Downtown	1	0	3
Magoffin	0	0	0
Manhattan Heights	1	2	2
Old San Francisco	0	0	0
Sunset Heights	0	4	2
Ysleta	1	0	0
Mission Trail	0	0	0
Independent	0	0	0
Total	3	7	10

#### Administrative Review Approval

Austin Terrace	5	11	7
Chihuahuita	1	1	0
Downtown	0	0	4
Magoffin	2	2	0
Manhattan Heights	5	7	13
Old San Francisco	0	0	1
Sunset Heights	19	14	30
Ysleta	1	1	0
Mission Trail	0	0	0
Independent	0	1	3
Total	33	37	58

**A Quick Look At El Paso's Demographics**

Population estimate for January, 2004

City of El Paso:	594,054
Remainder of El Paso County:	123,157
Total for City and County:	717,211
Ciudad Juarez, Mexico:	<u>1,325,211</u>
Total for the Metro Area:	2,042,298

Source: City of El Paso, Planning, Research and Development

Total Square Miles of Area:

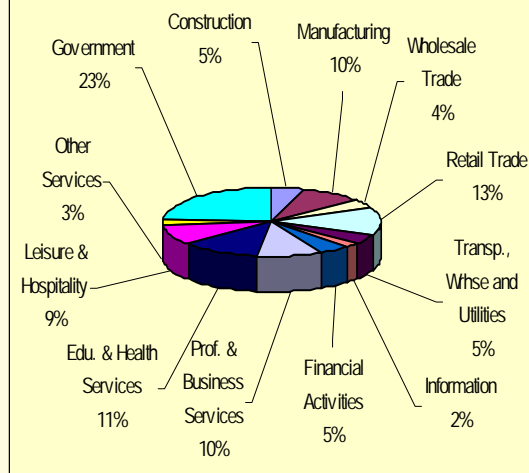
City:	251.1
County:	1058

Source: City of El Paso, Planning, Research and Development

Sunny Days with Clear Sky: 202 per year

Employment by Industry for El Paso County: May 2004

Source: Texas Labor Review

**El Paso County Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment**

Major Industry	Jan-04	Feb-04	Mar-04	Apr-04	May-04
Construction	11,900	12,000	11,900	11,900	12,000
Manufacturing	25,300	25,200	25,100	24,800	24,700
Wholesale Trade	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,800	9,900
Retail Trade	33,500	33,200	33,200	33,200	32,900
Transp., Whse and Utilities	12,300	12,300	12,400	12,400	12,300
Information	5,400	5,400	5,300	5,400	5,300
Financial Activities	11,900	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Prof. & Business Services	25,200	25,100	25,100	25,200	25,400
Edu. & Health Services	29,000	29,000	29,200	29,400	29,300
Leisure & Hospitality	23,600	23,600	24,000	24,200	24,200
Other Services	7,200	7,200	7,300	7,300	7,300
Government	<u>61,500</u>	<u>62,300</u>	<u>62,100</u>	<u>61,900</u>	<u>61,600</u>
Total Wage/Salary Employed	256,500	257,000	257,300	257,500	256,900
Other Employed	16,400	15,500	14,800	15,700	15,200
<b>Total Employed</b>	<b><u>272,900</u></b>	<b><u>272,500</u></b>	<b><u>272,100</u></b>	<b><u>273,200</u></b>	<b><u>272,100</u></b>
Total Civilian Labor Force	301,300	298,900	295,000	294,600	293,700
<b>% Unemployed</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Source: Texas Labor Market Review, Texas Workforce Commission. Updated June, 2004

City-wide estimate methodology includes Age Cohort Survival Projections, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Population estimates, at the Census Tract level, rely on extrapolation techniques based on Building Permit / Certificates of Occupancy activity and Births / Deaths information modified specifically for El Paso County.

**Community Calendar: July - September 2004****Central Planning Area**

- JUL 1 Central Business Assn., Chase Bank Bldg., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7:00 AM
- JUL 7 Eagle (Houchen Neighborhood Assn.) at Houchen Community Center, 5:30 PM
- JUL 10 Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement. Assn., 525 Corto, 9:00AM
- JUL 14 Five Points Neighborhood. Improvement. Assn., Memorial Park Senior Center; 5:30 PM
- JUL 14 **Community Forum for the City's Strategic Plan: Central**  
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 2 Civic Center Plaza, 6:30 PM
- JUL 15 Estrella Neighborhood Assn., 2201 San Antonio, 10:00 AM
- JUL 15 Houston Park Neighborhood Assn, 2201 San Antonio, 10:00 AM
- JUL 21 Pasadena Neighborhood Assn., Henderson Middle School-Library, 5505 Robert Alva
- JUL 22 San Juan Neighborhood Assn., San Juan Church Hall, 6:30 PM
- JUL 27 Golden Hills Neighborhood Assn., Good Coffee Shop, 6:00 PM
- AUG 5 Central Business Assn., Chase Bank Bldg., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7:00 AM
- AUG 11 Chihuahueta Neighborhood Assn., Chihuahueta Community. Center, 6:00 PM
- AUG 14 Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement. Assn., 525 Corto, 9:00AM
- AUG 12 Estrella Neighborhood Assn., 2202 San Antonio, 6:00 PM
- AUG 21 Golden Hills Neighborhood Assn., Good Coffee Shop, 6:00 PM

**Eastside Planning Area**

- JUL 8 Cielo Vista Neighborhood Improvement Association, 9030 Viscount, 6:30 PM
- JUL 15 **Community Forum for the City's Strategic Plan: East**  
Pebble Hills Regional Command Center, 10780 Pebble Hills, 6:30 PM
- JUL 21 Eastside Civic Association, Pebble Hills Regional Command Center (10780 Pebble Hills), 7:00 PM
- AUG 19 Eastside Civic Association, Pebble Hills Regional Command Center (10780 Pebble Hills), 7:00 PM
- SEP 16 Eastside Civic Association, Pebble Hills Regional Command Center (10780 Pebble Hills), 7:00 PM

**Lower Valley Planning Area**

- JUL El Paso Lower Valley Assn., (meets as needed)
- JUL 1 Valle Bajo Neighborhood Assn., (time and place of meeting to be announced)
- JUL 7 Valle Bajo Neighborhood Assn., Ysleta Lutheran Church, 6:00 PM
- JUL 13 **Community Forum for the City's Strategic Plan: Lower Valley**  
Mission Valley Regional Command Center, 9011 Escobar Drive, 6:30 PM
- JUL 20 Thomas Manor Neighborhood Assn., Thomas Manor Elem. School, 6:30 PM
- AUG El Paso Lower Valley Assn., (meets as needed)
- AUG 4 Valle Bajo Neighborhood Assn., Ysleta Lutheran Church, 6:00 PM
- AUG 17 Thomas Manor Neighborhood Assn., Thomas Manor Elem. School, 6:30 PM
- SEP El Paso Lower Valley Assn., (meets as needed)

SEP 1 Valle Bajo Neighborhood Assn., Ysleta Lutheran Church, 6:00PM  
 SEP 21 Thomas Manor Neighborhood Assn., Thomas Manor Elem. School, 6:30PM

### Northeast Planning Area

JUL 13 **Community Forum for the City's Strategic Plan: Northeast**  
 Northeast Regional Command Center, 9600 Dyer Street, 6:30PM  
 JUL 15 Northeast Healthy Community, 8888 Dyer, 8:30PM  
 JUL 23 North Hills Neighborhood Pride, Nolan Richardson Middle School, 6:00PM  
 AUG 20 Northeast Healthy Community, 8888 Dyer, 8:30PM  
 AUG 27 North Hills Neighborhood Pride, Nolan Richardson Middle School, 6:00PM  
 SEP 17 Northeast Healthy Community, 8888 Dyer, 8:30PM  
 SEP 24 North Hills Neighborhood Pride, Nolan Richardson Middle School, 6:00PM

### Northwest Planning Area

JUL 6 Borderland Neighborhood Association, 6352 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 JUL 13 Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, 435 Mesa Hills, 6:00 PM  
 JUL 15 **Community Forum for the City's Strategic Plan: Northwest**  
 Westside Regional Command Center, 4801 Osborne, 6:30PM  
 JUL 20 Zach White Neighborhood Association, 4256 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 JUL 27 Montoya Heights Neighborhood Association, 5750 Doniphan, 6:30 PM  
 AUG 3 Borderland Neighborhood Association, 6352 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 AUG 10 Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, 435 Mesa Hills, 6:00 PM  
 AUG 17 Zach White Neighborhood Association, 4256 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 AUG 30 Montoya Heights Neighborhood Association, 5750 Doniphan, 6:30 PM  
 SEP 7 Borderland Neighborhood Association, 6352 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 SEP 14 Mesa Hills Neighborhood Association, 435 Mesa Hills, 6:00 PM  
 SEP 21 Zach White Neighborhood Association, 4256 Doniphan, 6:00 PM  
 SEP 27 Montoya Heights Neighborhood Association, 5750 Doniphan, 6:30 PM

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Director	541-4193	Neighborhoods First	541-4918
Database & Support	541-4718	Neighborhood Planners	
Demographics	541-4721	Northeast	541-4930
Historic Preservation	541-4723	Northwest	541-4730
Land Development	541-4635	Central	541-4932
Zoning	541-4925	East	541-4192
Subdivisions	541-4903	Lower Valley	541-4502
Addresses	541-4936	Thoroughfares	541-4632
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